

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Oatley



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St. Joseph's Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5.00 pm **Sunday:** 8 am and 10 am

Weekday Masses: at 8 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

Thursday: Mass at 12 md

Public Holidays: 9 am only

Confessions are available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm)

WELCOME

St Joseph's Church is open from 7 am to 6 pm daily, and the usual Mass timetable as above apply. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

23rd April 2023 – Third Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Deceased: Mary Comerford, Geoff Eales, John Yassa, recently deceased; Joseph Phillips, Rev. Patrick McAuliffe, Rev. Laurence Joseph Cruickshank, Michael Pearce, Sister Patricia O'Loughlin RSC, Kerry Ryan, Joan Sproule, Jean Curlisa, Bede Smith, Antoinette Rajakariar, anniversaries.

NEW LIFE: A rainbow is built on the clouds of a preceding storm. It is a symbol of hope arising out of the darkness of grief or pain. It is a Christian symbol. Long ago, God himself used the rainbow as a sign that the flood disaster was at an end and would not be repeated in the future. The two men who made their way to the town of Emmaus were enveloped in gloom. The one upon whom they had set their hopes was dead and they had expected so much from him. Since he had saved others why could he not have saved himself? They were walking in darkness until the stranger met them. He began to work on their minds and reveal to them the significance of words of Scripture which they had never understood before. Their hearts burned within them. The light began to shine and then came the full revelation with the breaking of bread giving them a wonderful inner joy and hope.

Jesus said he had come to open the eyes of the blind. So often he is a stranger in our midst. We allow misfortune, trials or suffering so to darken our lives that we ignore the presence of the one whom we cannot see but we know, as Christians, to be close to us. The two disciples knew, once Christ had vanished from their sight, that he would never go from their presence. Christ is the Resurrection and the Life. He is the source of new life built out of sorrow or near despair. We tend to misread the signs of the times and do not realise that they are written in divine language. We do not understand that even grief and disaster can have divine meaning: I am risen and am still with you, the Church sings on Easter morning. Christ must never be a stranger in our midst. We must always have the vision of faith to see him there. We should read his words in Scripture and try to understand what he is saying to us. Always it is a message of hope.



LEST WE FORGET: ANZAC DAY 25th APRIL: Tuesday is a Public Holiday and a day of special commemoration on which we remember the men and women of our Defence Forces and all those who have given their lives in love and service to our country. *A Requiem*

Mass will be celebrated at 9 am in our parish on Tuesday for our ANZACS and those who have died in defence of the freedom of our nation.

Retirement of Father Paul: As announced at all the Masses on Easter Sunday, Father Paul will be leaving Oatley in October this year, to go on Lesser Duties in retirement. An Archdiocesan process can now begin to appoint a new Parish Priest for Oatley. Father Paul will be moving to a private villa unit in Beverly Hills.

Lamington Drive -is being held at our Parish next **weekend at the Masses on the 29th and 30th April.** The Ex Marist-Mothers of Marist College North Sydney are initiating this fundraising project and we are helping by selling lamingtons on their behalf. **We have been advised that the lamingtons are bigger and more delicious than ever!**

Br Lawrie from Marist Learning Zone in Western Sydney will be at the Masses on the 29th & 30th April, to tell us about the work that is being done with some young people in that area. This caring team is supporting young people who struggle to stay connected with their schooling. A collaboration between Marist Brothers Australia and Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, Marist Learning Zone (MLZ) is getting students back on track for success in learning and life.

Orders and payment will be taken at the weekend Masses on 29th and 30th April (Cash only). Lamingtons can then be collected from the Marian Hall before and after the weekend Masses on 13th and 14th May.

You are all invited to our next MORNING TEA-FRIDAY 5th MAY at 10.30am: Following on from the very successful World Day of Prayer at St Joseph's, we now extend an invitation to all the local church members to get together once again at St Joseph's Oatley Church, 21C Frederick Street, Oatley. The morning tea is for all our local residents to come together in community friendship. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please, if you can, bring a small plate of food to share.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH OATLEY: The sacramental program has recently been published on the St Joseph's website. Please refer to the following link for further details [SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023 | St Josephs \(stjosephschurch.com.au\)](https://stjosephschurch.com.au)

Also, the website provides you with the application form and further information for the upcoming First Holy Communion. Alternatively, click on the following [link **First Holy Communion 2023 Information & application form.**](#)

EASTER DUES ENVELOPES are on the tables in the foyer of the Church. Easter dues support the Priests of the Archdiocese, including your own Parish Priest.

The Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal will be held on the weekend of the 6th and 7th May. Envelopes are available on the tables in the foyer. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is a centralised fund for the support of the charitable and pastoral activities of the Sydney Archdiocese that extend beyond the limits of any single parish. Please be generous in giving to this appeal. Any Donation \$2 and over is 100% tax deductible.

The Parish now has the facility to stream our Sunday Masses: You can access this on YouTube by following this link: bit.ly/stjoatley OR

